out authorisation from an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner;

(b) if so, by when the above proposal would be brought in force;

(c) the details of export houses in Delhi on which raids by labour and factory inspectors were conducted during the last six months (monthwise); and

(d) the details of the discrepancies found and further action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Delhi Administration had been considering steps to stremline and closely monitor the field work and inspections.It decided that all inspectors of the Labour Department (such as those of factory, boiler, electricity and labour) would require authorisation from atleast the Assistant Labour Commissioner (or equivalent rank officer in the factory, boiler and electricity inspectorates) of the zone in which they are posted in order to carry out inspections. This has nothing to do with any proposal of the Delhi Exporters' Association.

(b) The decision has been brought into force with effect from the 10th August, 1990.

(c) and (d) No raids on export houses were conducted during the last six months by the labour and factory inspectorates.

Amendment in Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Order (Amendment Act, 1976)

3624. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received recently representations to bring an amendment to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, to restore area restriction in case of Mochi Community of Gujarat which obtained prior to 1977;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat in October 1977 represented to area restriction to Mochi Community of only Dang District and Umarguan Taluka of Bulsar District and Government of India introduced an amendment Bill No. 84/78 on 12th May, 1978 to this effect and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take for considering recommendation of Scheduled Castes Commissioner in his Report of 1986-87 to restore area specific scheduling to Mochi Community in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) All proposals, representations, suggestions, recommendations, etc. are under consideration of the Government and any amendment in the existing lists could be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Articles 341(2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution.

देश में विधवा और निस्सहाय महिलाएं

3625. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

डा. रूद्र प्रताप सिंह :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश भर में विधवाओं तथा परित्यक्त महिलाओं को नारकीय जीवन बिताना पड़ता है; यदि हां, तो ऐसी महिलाओं की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) सरकार विधवाओं और निराश्रित महिलाओं को सामाजिक न्याय दिलाने, उन्हें आर्थिक रूप से आत्म-निर्भर बनाने तथा समाज में उनका स्तर ऊंचा उठाने की दिशा में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है तथा उनके कल्याण के लिए वर्तमान योजनाएं क्या हैं; और

(ग) 20–25 वर्ष के दाम्पत्य जीवन के बाद पति द्वारा पत्नी को घर से निकाल दिए जाने पर तथा उस पत्नी द्वारा तलाक प्राप्त कर लेने पर पति की सम्पत्ति का आधा भाग उसे प्रदान करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?